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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. FUNDERBURK].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 22, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable DAVID FUNDERBURK to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

In this moment of quiet and reverence remind us, O God, that we can hear Your word in the hushed moments of life, when the detractions of every day are put aside and we allow our senses to listen and to hear Your words of faith and hope and love. Open our senses so we are alert to Your leading and unlock any perception we have that hinders us from Your blessings. Be with us this day and every day, we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Louisiana [Mr. LIVINGSTON] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LIVINGSTON led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 19, 1996.
Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on Friday, April 19, 1996 at 12:40 p.m.: That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3034.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair desires to announce that pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the Speaker signed the following enrolled bill on Friday, April 19, 1996: H.R. 3034, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to extend for 2 months the authority for promulgating regulations under the act.

PERMISSION TO FILE CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3019, BALANCED BUDGET DOWN PAYMENT ACT, II

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the managers

may have until midnight tonight, Monday, April 22, 1996, to file a conference report on the bill (H.R. 3019) making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Louisiana?

There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities and the Committee on International Relations:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 22, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, the Capitol,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I hereby resign my position as a member of the Economic and Educational Opportunities Committee and the International Relations Committee effective upon ratification by the full House of my membership on the House Commerce Committee.

I wish to thank Chairman Gilman, Ranking Member Hamilton, Chairman Goodling, Ranking Member Clay and all the members of these committees for the many courtesies extended to me during my service on these two panels.

While I am honored to serve as the newest member of the Commerce Committee, I look forward to also returning to my assignment on the International Relations Committee where I have been a member for more than seven years.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

ELIOT L. ENGEL,
Member of Congress.

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